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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Oct-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 10/02/04	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/25/04
BRO-FRY	164,024	164,337
LT HENS	1,429	1,562
HVY HENS	1,501	1,505

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

WEEK ENDING 25-Sep-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	256	0	256
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	333	0	333
SAME WEEK YR AGO	302	8	302
TO-DATE/2004	9,046	91	9,137
TO-DATE/2003	9,110	133	9,243

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,779	1,316	3,095
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,776	1,561	3,337
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,582	1,611	3,193
TO-DATE/2004	60,934	51,008	111,942
TO-DATE/2003	65,638	53,664	119,302

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 25-Sep-04 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	161,724	1,523	1,316	2,839
AVG WT	5.39	3.31	8.12	5.54
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	154,376	1,443	1,561	3,004
SAME WK YR AGO	160,024	1,280	1,611	2,891
AVG WT	5.24	3.34	7.80	5.83
TO-DATE/2004	5,944,956	51,888	50,917	102,805
TO-DATE/2003	5,856,484	56,528	53,531	110,059

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 163.7 million head or 0.6 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 18-Sep-04

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	23,946	18,462	50,900
Avg Weight	3.72	4.71	6.32
% of total /1	26%	20%	55%
Last week	22,560	18,434	47,825
Avg Weight	3.77	4.67	6.28
% of total /1	25%	21%	54%
Same week, yr ago /2	24,812	29,830	51,708
Avg Weight	3.82	4.79	6.14
% of total /1	23%	28%	49%
To date/2004	976,611	794,666	1,685,521
To date/2003	871,642	882,644	1,675,185

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 25-Sep-04  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,580	2,652	63	5	4,300
AVG WT	15.74	36.02	24.37	28.17	28.39
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,759	2,730	87	6	4,582
SAME WK YR AGO	2,044	2,877	48	12	4,981
AVG WT	15.75	34.80	22.85	31.14	26.85
TO-DATE/2004	65,689	96,901	1,976	286	164,852
TO-DATE/2003	71,408	103,781	2,393	534	178,116

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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